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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF F-104S TO TURKEY

REF: A. ANKARA 6880; B. STATE 183768; C. ROME 11559;
D. ATHENS 6116 (ALL NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE HERE, AERITALIA
AND GOT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIALS HAVE REACHED
PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON SALE OF ONE SQUADRON (18 AIRCRAFT)
OF F-104S. SIX AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN FIFTEEN
DAYS OF SIGNING OF CONTRACT, WITH REMAINDER TO BE DELIVERED
THREE PER MONTH THEREAFTER. POINTING OUT THAT THEY COULD
GET CHEAPER MONEY THAN ITALIANS OFFERED, TURKS HAVE
APPARENTLY DECIDED TO PAY CASH FOR AIRCRAFT AND SPARES (WE
ARE TOLD TOTAL ONE-SQUADRON PACKAGE WILL COME TO BETWEEN
\$60 AND \$70 MILLION). LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE NOTED
RUMORS, WHICH WE HAVE ALSO PICKED UP, THAT SALE IS BEING
FINANCED WITH LIBYAN MONEY.

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2. TURKS WERE ASSURED OF GOI APPROVAL FOR THIS SALE

DURING RECENT VISIT OF DIRGEN FOR POLAFFAIRS DUCCI,
LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE STATED. HE PREDICTED OFFICIAL
NOTIFICATION OF GOI APPROVAL WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON AFTER
RETURN OF ITALIAN NEGOTIATING TEAM TO ROME THIS WEEKEND.

3. LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT ON BASIS OF
COMPANY'S SOUNDINGS IN WASHINGTON, HE HAD ASSURED GOT
OFFICIALS THAT QUOTE ALL INDICATIONS ARE POSITIVE FOR USG
APPROVAL UNQUOTE OF TRANSFER.

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